



Session on “Becoming a Change-Maker”

Dates: 2 February 2017

Sessions: 1 – 2h. From 15h to 17h00 (London time)

Participating DC's: DC Cidade de Praia, DC Évora, DC Lisbon (Lead), DC Novi Pazar

Partners: Project Transformers, Movimento Transformers, Change Makers Ashoka, Global Shapers, We changers, Pão à Pão

Target audience: youth organisations, youth, entrepreneurs, social workers, and volunteers.

Minimum number of participants: 10 participants and/or 3 DCs participating (registration 1 week in advance requested).

Overview

Social entrepreneurship initiatives have been growing fast in the latest years moved by the desire of changing the world, gathering knowledge and resources, making changes happen. Different titles have been identified to categorise people looking for changes in their context: change makers, social transformers, social entrepreneurs, and activists as many other.

Aim

Change makers, a term proposed by Ashoka's global network, make changes happen using a combination of resources, knowledge, and sharing inspiration. So that they finally become leaders for social good. Whether in the private sector, public sector or civil society side, change makers have in common some skills: entrepreneur attitude, empathy, teamwork, leadership and driving change.

Different networks and initiatives have been developed globally in previous years to promote social change and social evolution. With the aim of contributing to the development of social innovation and promote experiences sharing and networking among and between change makers and social transformers from all over the world, Dialogue Café Association will organise a session focused on the skills and competences change makers require. This session will allow us to discover change makers testimonials and commitments so they can inspire other people motivated in bringing change to society.

Anticipated outcomes:

- Change makers skills and capacities are reinforced;
- Networking and cooperation among and between social transformers is strengthened;
- Partnerships and cooperation initiatives are identified.

Session topics:

During the session change makers will share their testimonials, difficulties confronted and good practices identified. The discussion will also address change-makers competences and skills developed. Training and networking opportunities will be also shared during the debate.